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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-5 are objected to because of the following informalities: The claims contain numerous grammatical errors. Following the paragraph numbers in the margin, in Claim 1, line 3 "too" needs to be changed to --two--. In line 6, "and" should be changed to --an--. In line 9, --a-- should be inserted before "bulb assembly" and "center" and in line 12, "two" should be deleted and --a-- should be inserted before "lower portion". In the next line, "and then to be bent" is awkward language which should be rewritten. In line 15, --a-- should be inserted before "lamp socket" and --an-- should be inserted before "upper". In line 20, --a-- should be inserted before "plurality" and in line 21 after "series", --with an-- should replace "and". Also in line 21, "having" should be changed to --being--. In line 23, --a-- should be inserted before "bulb" and "center". On the second page of Claim 1 line 3, "two through" should be changed to --through two-- and --a-- should be inserted before "lower". In line 5, --a lamp-- should be inserted before "socket" and --an-- should be inserted before "upper". In line 7, after "cavity", --for receiving said two flanges-- should be inserted to properly interrelate the bulb and lamp socket. In line 8, --a-- should be inserted before "lower" and in line 9, "have" should be changed to --has--. In claim 2, line 3, a period should appear after "socket" and the remaining language of the claims needs to be deleted. In claim 3, line 2 "and two, at least," needs to be changed to --and at least two-- with a period after "sockets" and the remaining language of the claim deleted. In Claim 4, line 24, --said-- needs to be inserted before "lower portion". Claim 5 is also objected to because it depends on independent Claim 1. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 will be allowed provided the objections noted above are corrected.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1-5 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 1 sets forth that there is a plurality of regular flash lamp strings with each bulb assembly including a socket with a rectangular groove having two copper connector grooves for mounting two copper connectors, and a winkle flash lamp string containing a bulb assembly with a bulb socket having two flanges and a socket having two mounting grooves wherein each of the separate bulb assemblies will only fit in their own lamp socket. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tsai, Wu and Cheng are cited of interest.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Neils at (571) 272-2377 on a Monday or Thursday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378.



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